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| In re Application of |) | | | | |
| LAL et al. |) Art Unit: 1636 | | | | |
| Application No. 09/890,551 |) Examiner: Marvich, M. | | | | |
| Filing Date: August 1, 2001 |) Confirmation No. 4683 | | | | |
| For: METHOD AND REAGENTS FOR MOLECULAR DETECTION OF HIV-1 GROUPS M, N, AND O REQUEST FOR EXT | FEB 1 0 2004 TECH CENTER 1800/2909 | | | | |
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| Sir: | | | | | |
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It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 to take action required in the application identified in the caption, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith:

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Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$110.00 (representing a one-month extension of time fee) is enclosed herewith. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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